

House Resolution No. 1022

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the Old Boyd Plantation and Towne Park restoration project is the recipient of a Missouri Preservation 2007 McReynolds Award; and

Whereas, a few years ago, the St. Charles County government adopted a plan to develop several parks, and the County acquired all that remained of the Boyd tobacco plantation, a 110-acre tract which included the original 1828 main house, several barns and outbuildings; and

Whereas, before the park could be established, fire gutted the house, leaving only a shell of masonry walls, and even so, the County was determined to reconstruct the badly damaged building to its original condition in order for it to be operated as a museum and to help future generations learn about the important role tobacco production played in Missouri's history; and

Whereas, in order to ensure that the reconstructed building would exactly replicate the original, old documents and photographs were researched, the remaining shell measured, and many remaining fragments salvaged, including the facade brick and the shutter hardware, and when original materials were not available, old materials from other buildings like pine floor planks were brought to the site, and exact replicas of windows, doors, fireplace mantles, wood framing, and trim were expertly fabricated; and

Whereas, the result is a historically accurate reconstruction including copies of the original front porch, entry hall and stairs, root cellar, and kitchen cooking hearth; and

Whereas, St. Charles County is now continuing work on its master plan to develop the entire 110-acre site as a tobacco plantation museum, with the reconstructed house at its heart:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, extend our congratulations to the government of St. Charles County on the occasion of its winning the prestigious 2007 McReynolds Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution be prepared to presentation to the government of St. Charles County.

Offered by _____
Representative Tom Dempsey
District No. 18

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1022, adopted March 6, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker